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WEST GERMAN JOURNALIST /F/ FROM ERNST MAJONICA

1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION CONCERNING MAYOR WILLY BRANDT'S TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES, ERNST MAJONICA, A CDU MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, TOLD THE SOURCE THAT THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF THE CDU BUNDESTAG FACTION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OF WHICH MAJONICA IS A MEMBER.

2. ACCORDING TO MAJONICA, HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FELT THAT BRANDT HAD BEEN MUCH TOO ACCOMMODATING IN ACQUIESCING TO FOREIGN POLICY REQUESTS MADE BY U.S. OFFICIALS DURING HIS TRIP. THEY NOTED THAT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS HAD REVEALED THAT THE WEST GERMAN PEOPLE WERE SHOWING INCREASING RESENTMENT TOWARDS THE U.S. WHICH DERIVED FROM FEARS THAT THE RECENT FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS

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BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON WOULD IMPOSE GREATER BURDENS UPON THE TAXPAYER IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, AND THE CONFEREES FELT THAT BRANDT'S ACCOMMODATING ATTITUDE TOWARD THE AMERICANS WOULD RESULT IN A LESSENING OF BRANDT'S POPULARITY WITH THE ELECTORATE.

3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT WHEN HE GOES TO THE U.S., CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER SHOULD TAKE A TOUGHER LINE THAN BRANDT DID AND, WHILE HIS Demeanor SHOULD NOT BE UNFRIENDLY, SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERS GERMANY TO BE A FULL AND EQUAL PARTNER IN THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. THE CONFEREES HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT ADENAUER FELT SIMILARLY, HAVING BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE SAME REASONS AS WELL AS PRESSURE FROM THE CABINET. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AFTER ADENAUER'S TALKS IN THE U.S. IS EXPECTED TO GLOSS OVER ANY DISAGREEMENTS, BUT LATER IT WILL SOMEHOW BE MADE CLEAR TO THE GERMAN PUBLIC THAT ADENAUER STOOD UP TO THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

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